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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] JAS C HAGERTY, White House Press Sec'y, to *newsmen on Eisenhower decision*:

"Let's do it very slowly in words of one syllable. I am not going to discuss this I am not going to make any comment on it, and I think you all know that I'm not. The President will make his announcement at his time and nobody else's." . . . [2] Dr PAUL DUDLEY WHITE, the President's heart specialist: "Mr Eisenhower is delighted to find he can do more and more each day—and that's the test." . . . [3] Unidentified State Dep't spokesman: "Maybe we ought to send Dr White to Moscow to see how many 5-yr plans Khrushchev can survive."

. . . [4] GEORGE M ZHUKOV, Soviet Defense Minister: "The Soviet Union does not threaten anybody and does not intend to attack anyone. But since there has been no agreement on reduction of armament and prohibition of atomic

weapons. . . we are obliged to maintain such armed forces as would be capable of defending the interests of our

people." . . . [5] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER: "The U S stands ready to make supplies of agricultural commodities which we have in abundance available for relieving the distress of people in (devastated European) areas." . . . [6] Duchess of WINDSOR, in an interview with Phyllis Battelle, *INS* reporter: "I am just what it says on my passport. I am—a housewife."

. . . [7] SAMMY KAHN, song writer, when two of his songs were nominated for Academy awards: "This yf I can lose twice!" . . . [8] ALAN HANDLEY, NBC exec, commenting on presentation of motion picture "oscars": "The Academy awards is the oldest established floating crap game."

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moving finger



Election Yr pressure for early adjournment of Congress. But key legislation in which there's wide public interest can't be tabled. Lack of action would hurt Congressmen up for re-election.

This yr the later dates set for nat'l conventions eases pressure somewhat. Still, mbrs of both houses will want to get home for last-minute fence-mending (and some fences are going to need attention!) Aim now is for early July finish. Reflects customary optimism; July 15 is more realistic date.

Here's outlook for a few important measures:

Farm Bill: Hopeless hodge-podge. Democratic measure features 90% supports on corn, wheat, cotton, peanuts; 80% on dairy products; soil-bank plan more elaborate and costly than Administration proposal. Liberals will try for strong hog, beef, poultry supports. Hot floor fight. Eisenhower veto? Hard to say until bill finally

shapes up. If he doesn't veto, will probably have to look for new Sec'y of Agriculture. Would Congress over-ride veto? Problematical; depends on bill, public reaction, strength of original vote, many factors. Sustained veto would leave farmers without relief this critical yr—bad reaction.

Highways: Parties agree on increased user taxes to finance huge road-bldg program. But old row that killed bill last yr is being revived: question of who pays how much — powerful truck lobby against the field. We anticipate compromise; law effective on all sales after July 1, '56.

Taxes: Will shape up about as previously forecast—cuts on individual incomes, favoring small taxpayer, effective last half of yr. Fulbright amendm't reducing corporate tax to 22% on 1st \$25,000 has good chance; favors small businessman. Business decline next 90 days could tend to liberalize cuts.

Education: Depends on Powell amendm't (barring funds to segregated schools.) If it stays in, Southerners will filibuster. Bricker Amendm't, Alaska-Hawaii Statehood: Huh-uh!

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'He who never quotes. is never quoted'

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



ABILITY—1

Latent abilities are like clay. It can be mud on shoes, brick in a bldg, or a statue that will inspire all who see it. The clay is the same. The result is dependent on how it is used.—JAS F LINCOLN, pres, Lincoln Electric Co.

AGE—Employment—2

A bigger problem for older people who want to go on working is not learning new things so much as unlearning things that they have learned in the past. Studies showing this have been made by Dr Jack Botwinick, psychologist of the Clinical Center, Nat'l Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.—*Science News Letter*.

ANGER—3

A man never is in worse company than when he flies into a rage and is beside himself.—*Grit*.

BEHAVIOR—4

One sign of maturity is the ability to be comfortable with people who are not like us. — VIRGIL A KRAFT, "This is America," *Christian Advocate*, 2-9-'56.

BIBLE—5

A Chinese woman had just learned to read. "Lord," she prayed, "we are going home to many who cannot read. Make us living Bibles, so that those who cannot read the Book, can read it in us."—*Homiletic Bias*.

BUSINESS—6

Proper gov't analysis of business is the difference between taking it apart and taking it to pieces.—SHANNON FIFE, *Nation's Business*.

CHURCH—7

In the state of Connecticut there is a law requiring all church doors to open outward. Many churches have spent considerable sums of money making changes in their doors to conform to that law. It is a good law and will prevent disasters in case of fire. But it is also a good for the church as an organization and fellowship. All its thought and work and life should open outward, doors open to the world of need.—HALFORD E LUCCOCK, *Christian Herald*.

CHURCH—Attendance—8

A high-school coach spoke at our church's Men's Club this wk: "Some people refuse to go to church," he said, "because, they say, they're better than a lot of folks who do. May be they are. But a star basketball player can do a lot more for the game if he's on the team." — BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

Quote

washington

by Les & Liz
Carpenter



As for'n missions have expanded the operations of diplomats here, Washington's wealthy have become increasingly annoyed that these representatives are exempt from any city-zoning restrictions. A for'n gov't can buy a house in the middle of the fanciest residential section and turn it into an office bldg. This has happened many times—but no solution is in sight, short of an internat'l incident.

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Burma has sent a new ambassador to Washington with the hopeful name, U Win. . . And, speaking of winning: the door prize at a recent big convention here was a mink stole. When the drawing was made, the lady who won walked up to claim her prize, wearing a mink stole. "Thank goodness," she remarked, inspecting the new one, "it's a different color!"

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Leading up to the pre-Lenten period, the Washington cocktail circuit really operates at a fever pitch. During two hrs of a single day, early in Feb, Adm Arthur Radford, chmn of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had 7 "must" invitations for private parties. He sent his wife to 3 with an aide, attended 3 himself, and they met at the 7th.

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CONFIDENCE—in Future—9

We must all keep alive the spirit of confidence and optimistic venture that has been so fruitful in the past. We must remember that America was built by people who wore rose-colored glasses. For them, and for us, the air is clear, the sunshine is bright, and the horizons present exciting vistas.—CRAWFORD H GREENWALT, pres, E I du Pont de Nemours & Co, in *Red-book Magazine*, 3-'56.

CRIME—10

Crime and delinquency cost more than 6 times the cost of public education in the U S. This was true of the ratio in pre-World War II dollars and it is still the ratio today.—*Gov't report.*

DIET—11

If you skipped just one pat of butter each day, and your living habits remained the same, you could lose more than 8 lbs of body weight in one yr. If you omitted one tablespoonful of salad oil per day, you could take off an additional ten lbs a yr.—HERBERT POLLACK, *How to Reduce Surely and Safely* (McGraw-Hill).

DISCIPLINE—12

True discipline is not something that is imposed from without. It is self-control — control which springs from within. Children being great imitators, the self-control which they will practice will depend largely on how conscientiously the elders try to discipline themselves.—*Theosophical Movement.*

DRINK—Drinking—13

Liquor took an average of 2 lives per hr on the nation's highways during the 3-day Christmas holiday wk-end.—*Nat'l Safety Council.*

book briefs...



Norman Vincent Peale's *Power of Positive Thinking* has just broken all records in the non-fiction category by remaining on the *N Y Times'* bestseller list for 171 consecutive wks. Two earlier books, *Peace of Mind* and *A Man Called Peter*, each reached 170 wks, and faded. But Dr Peale's book remains a strong contender, currently occupying 8th place in a field of 16 titles. The fiction record (178 wks) is held by Lloyd Douglas' *The Robe*. This circumstance has led Harvey Breit to speculate that a sure best-seller might well be titled, "The Power of the Peaceful Robe Worn by the Positive Peter."

Rep Katharine St George (R-NY) made reference in a recent speech to the latest volume of Truman's memoirs. "Don't buy it," she counseled, "Get it at a library." (Note to other Republicans: Under the Truman contract with *Life* and Doubleday, the author rec'd a flat sum, no royalties. Management of both Doubleday and *Life* is dominantly Republican.)

Syndicated cartoonist Herbert Block ("Herblock") insists that writing a book (which he did last yr) is rougher than cartooning. "When you are doing a cartoon," he told a group of Washington newsmen, "you chew your nails, and stare out the window. When you are writing, you chew your nails, stare out the window—and wonder whether you should jump thru it."

"I take the view, and always have, that if you cannot say what you have to say in 20 min's, you should go away and write a book about it."—Lord BRABAZON, quoted in *Look*.

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We are all for realism, but there are, it must be pointed out, reasonable limits. Upon this foundation we present, without further elaboration, the fact that a London publisher is bringing out a new animal book. Each page, when pressed, emits the sound of the animal under discussion.

Stanford Univ Press recently rec'd a bookstore order for *Facts of a Candid Girl*. Says Carol Greening, Stanford's publicity mgr: "Either this was a psychosomatic slip for our *Facts of a Candid World*—or they're going to be awfully disappointed." . . . And there's a story making the rounds of a pious and unworldly lady who visited a bookstore seeking a gift for a young niece. None of the religious titles struck her as suitable. At last, wandering among the fiction shelves, she encountered and bought a copy of *God's Little Acre* by Erskine Caldwell.

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EASTER—14

Whose influence really counted, Caesar's or Jesus's? Look at Caesar. Marshal his legions around him, pile up his wealth and power, call out his conquests. Then look at Jesus. Gather around him his little ragged band of nobodies, study his poverty, watch the soldiers as they beat the life out of him, see him as his bloody body sags upon the cross. Pit Jesus against the dictator?—it seems like trying to stop a tank with the splintering wood of a cross!

Yet, where is Caesar's might today? The only things of his time that still abide are the ideas that were held. The things of which Jesus spoke and which his life exemplified, these apparently unreal things, have outlasted the mat'l world in which they were 1st stated and grow stronger with each century.—CHAS B TEMPLETON, "Project Number 1," *Presbyterian Life*, 1-21-'56.

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A little girl had reached the high point in school when she was being initiated into the wonders of arithmetic. Minus signs, plus signs and division signs had made a deep impression on her. One day in church she looked intently at a gold cross on the altar. She whispered to her father, "What is the plus sign doing on the altar?" In one way she had her sign confused. But in a far deeper sense she was absolutely right! *The cross is a plus sign.* The redemption pictured by the cross has put a big plus sign into life.—HALFORD E LUCCOCK, *Christian Herald*.

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EASTER—Lent—15

It's good not to be perfect—you wouldn't have anything to give up for Lent.—DAN KIDNEY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*.

EDUCATION—16

One out of every 5 pupils goes to school in a schoolhouse which does not meet minimum fire safety conditions.—*Phi Delta Kappan*.

Quote scrap book

"I take great comfort in God. I think He is considerably amused with us sometimes, but He likes us, on the whole, and would not let us get at the match-box so carelessly as He does, unless He knew that the frame-work of His universe was fire-proof."—JAN BRUNEL LOWELL, who ret'd to America 50 yrs ago, to succeed Longfellow as Prof of Modern Languages at Harvard Univ.

EDUCATION—17

"This," said the college official, "promises to be an outstanding period in the history of our school. We dedicate a new laboratory bldg tomorrow, we begin classes in nuclear studies next wk, and we play Notre Dame, no less, next month."—*Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

EGOTISM—18

Moral courage is exemplified by self-confidence, but egotism is a cloak for moral cowardice.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

FAITH—in God—19

Suprisingly enough, it is in countries adjacent to the Iron Curtain where a reborn spiritual faith is most apparent. Particularly in Finland, Germany and Greece. . . people (are) placing their faith in God. In these countries, too. . . people are less afraid of Communism than their neighbors in countries farther distant from the Iron Curtain. Their faith has fortified them against fear.—HERBERT J TAYLOR, past pres, Rotary Internat'l, in recent address.

FAMILY—Income—20

Three out of every 4 families have an income between \$3,000 and \$10,000 a yr. Only 5.2 million families (out of a total of 50.5 million) earn less than \$3,000. Furthermore, these lower-income families are smaller units, with as many as half of them having no children. Only 3.5 million families earn over \$10,000.

The average income for all American families is an amazing \$6,390. Figured another way, 6 out of every 7 families earn more than \$3,000; 5 out of 10 earn more than \$5,000.—*Report of Commerce Dept.*

FREEDOM—of Thought—21

When Clement Attlee visited Yugoslavia Tito took him to see the sights and feted his party with feasting and drinking. He kept asking what Attlee thought about Yugoslavia and its program.

"I am much impressed with your progress," Attlee repl'd finally, "but I am much disturbed because I have not met my counterpart in Yugoslavia—the leader of the opposition."—*Milwaukee Jnl.*

GOD—and Man—22

Man cannot be free unless he recognizes that he is not the sovereign lord of creation. . . To be free, man must recognize God as Creator, as the Author of freedom, and as the basis for the belief in the supreme worth of the individual personality. Out of his freedom man thus strives to become a partner with God in the work of creation. We must choose, and choose soon, between losing our freedom or re-establishing its religious foundations. — ARNOLD J TOYNBEE, British historian, in a Town Hall address.

HANDICAPS—Compensation—23

Talleyrand was heartbroken when an accident left him crippled and unable to pursue a military career. We profited infinitely more from his subsequent accomplishments as a statesman. . . Too often society looks at a man and says he has one bad eye, when what's more important is that he has one good one.—*Paul Harvey News.*

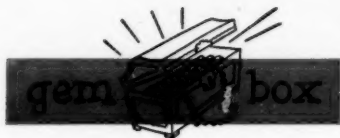
HAPPINESS—24

Happiness is to experience fullness, not emptiness which needs to be filled.—ERICH FROMM, *The Sane Society* (Rinehart).

IDEAS—25

Nothing is more exciting (you can see hints and murmurs of it, in all sorts of places) than to watch the world get ready to think ideas quite different from those it is at the moment openly proclaiming.—CHRISTOPHER MORLEY, *Science Digest.*

Quote



Heap Peaceful Co-existence

A day for wishful thinking in our "cold war" times is the 335th anniv of the signing of a remarkable peace treaty between the Pilgrims and Massachusetts Indians (Mar 22, 1621). The tribe was pondering an attack on the newcomers, but Chief Massasoit decided to offer a treaty instead. These lines from Burton Stevenson's The Peace Message recall the sachem's fateful decision:

Was it war or peace? The Chief looked round

On the wreck of his mighty band.

His heart was sad as he rose from the ground

And held on high his hand.

"We must treat with the stranger, my children," he said,

And he called to him Samoset:

"You will go to the men on the Eastern Shore

With wampum and calumet". . .

So the treaty was made, and the treaty was kept

For fifty years and four;

The white men wrought, and waked, and slept

Secure on the Eastern Shore;

From the door of his hut, old Massasoit

Noted their swift increase,

And blessed the day he had sent that way

His messenger of peace.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—26

Youth is going to have adventure. If the community does not arrange a program, youth will. Juvenile delinquency is really adult delinquency.—WM GOULD VINAL, Univ of Mass, "Conservation Education: Ersatz or Real?" *School Science & Mathematics*, 2-'56.

LANGUAGE—27

Words, in fact, are like the fossils of the rocks; they embody the thought and the knowledge of the soc'y that first coined and used them, and if we can find out their primitive meaning by the aid of comparative method, we shall know the character of the soc'y that produced them, and the degree of civilization which it had attained.—A H SAYCE, *Modern Language Jnl.*

LEADERSHIP—28

Leadership does not consist of calling names and desk pounding but of something of the heart and head. If a man is sure of himself and the integrity of the processes he has used to reach his decision he can be strong, but he can be mild.—Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER.

LUCK—29

Man blames fate for all accidents but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole in one.—*Gilcrafter*, hm, Gilbert Paper Co.

MARRIAGE—30

Any girl can tell you—the only thing harder than a diamond is trying to get one.—*P-K Sideliner*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

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Marriage is like a warm bath. Once you get used to it, it's not so hot.—JOEY ADAMS, *Strictly for Laughs* (Fell).

pathways to the past

Edited by Janet Baldwin



Nat'l Wildlife Restoration Wk

Nat'l Salesman's Wk

Mar 18—190 yrs ago (1766) Britain's odious colonial tax measure, the Stamp Act, was repealed (happy New Yorkers voted statues of Geo II, Wm Pitt—ignoring Parliament's act the same day confirming the power to bind colonies "in all cases whatsoever"). . . In the *Cherokee Nation vs Georgia* ruling 125 yrs ago (1831), the Supreme Ct decided tribes were not for'gn nations, and denied their right to sue in fed'l cts. . . One remedy for a major cause of U S blood-letting came 25 yrs ago (1931), when Col Jacob Schick mfr'd the 1st electric shaver.

Mar 19—105th anniv (1851) of b of Rogue S Pena, progressive Argentine who won presidency there as agrarian reformer, greatly strengthened unity of Latin races in South American nations.

Mar 20—Americans themselves may be getting bulkier, but their scales have streamlined a lot since 65 yrs ago (1891), incorp'n date of the 1st firm to make computing scales (step-on type instead of balancers). . . The nation's vast county agriculture service stems from the 1st farm bureau, formed in Boone (N Y) Co 45 yrs ago (1911).

Mar 21—The 1st U S Navy officer, Capt Hopley Yeaton, was commissioned 165 yrs ago (1791). . . British forces ended Napoleon's dream of an Eastern empire 155 yrs ago (1801) by winning the

Battle of Alexandria, Egypt. . . Indian-fighters in California, trailing the marauding Yosemite tribesmen, discovered scenic Yosemite Valley 105 yrs ago (1851). . . British newsman Henry M Stanley left on his famed lost-and-found hunt for Dr Livingstone in Africa 85 yrs ago (1871).

Mar 22—Our modern "mutual aid and non-aggression" pacts look pretty poor beside the 1st Pilgrim-Indian treaty, signed 335 yrs ago (1621); sealed between Plymouth's Gov Carver and Massasoit, a tribal sachem, it lasted 54 yrs! . . . 110 anniv (1846) of b of Randolph Caldecott, early illustrator of children's books (an outstanding kiddie-book artist wins the Caldecott Medal yrly) . . . 95 yrs ago (1861) the 1st American nursing school to offer a diploma was incorp'd, in Philadelphia.

Mar 23—The Revolution's sea story began 180 yrs ago (1776) when Congress authorized privateers to prey on British ships.

Mar 24—*Had-They-But-Known Dep't*; a retired Army captain named U S Grant applied for Civil War duty 95 yrs ago (1861), but the adjutant gen'l ignored him, and Gen McClellan was too busy. Grant finally got in as an Illinois militia colonel.

Quote

"of all things"



There are in the U S today some 6 million unattached civilian males in the age bracket of 20 to 45. And this is a yr when females traditionally are privileged to do their level best toward reducing that figure.

The custom of designating Leap Year as "open season" for the huntress had its inception in that distant era when girls were presumed to remain quietly at home until a knight in shining armor came riding by with a wedding ring.

Today it is the maid who is more likely to give a ring—on the telephone—to a man of her choice. And Helen Southard, psychologist and marriage counselor, inclines to the belief that this is healthy. "The boy," says Mrs Southard, "is honored to know that he is the girl's 1st choice."

This new freedom, psychologists believe, is a product of woman's growing economic independence. "The traditional courtship status," says Frances Bruce Strain, author of *Marriage is For Two*, "just doesn't square with modern woman's economic and educational status." Now that she is the winner of her own bread, cosmetics and permanent waves, it is natural that she should adopt a more aggressive role in the selection of a lifetime companion. "It will not," insists Mrs Strain, "masculinize her any more than have the vote or decent wages."

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MENTAL HEALTH—31

Richard C Cabot, for many yrs prof of Social Ethics at Harvard Medical School, said that the minister could be doing 75% of the healing work of the physician and could do it better than the physician, if he knew his business.—J LESTER MCGEE, "Religion's Gifts of Healing," *Pastor*, 2-'56.

PESSIMISM—32

A pessimist is one who blows out the light to see how dark it is.—T HARRY THOMPSON (quoting Bishop Woodcock) *Sales Mgt.*

PROGRESS—33

If you stand still, you will fall back. If you go ahead slowly, you will do little more than stand still.—THOS M EVANS, *Steel*.

PUNCTUALITY—34

It must take a lot of forethought and deliberate planning to arrange your life so as always to be late.—William Feather *Magazine*.

RECREATION—35

Recreation is not, and cannot be expected to be, a panacea for all the antisocial forces of an unplanned soc'y. At its rudimentary worse it can relieve the boredom of aimless leisure hrs. At its finest it can illumine the life of the individual with cultural electricity and solidify the community with the feeling of belonging.—HAROLD W KENNEDY, "The Philosophy of Education," *Recreation*, 2-'56.

RELIGION—36

Religion with its demands and visions is not a luxury but a matter of life and death.—ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL, *God in Search of Man* (Farra, Straus & Cudahy).

RESEARCH—37

No research is ever quite complete. It is the glory of a good bit of work that it opens the way for something still better, and this repeatedly leads to its own eclipse.

—MERVIN GORDON, *Science Digest*.

SALESMANSHIP—38

A salesman is a man with a smile on his face, a shine on his shoes—and a lousy territory.—GEO GOBEL, tv program.

SECURITY—39

Instead of obliging a man to carve out his security by his own honest efforts, the present set-up insists that the Gov't chisel it for him out of his fellowmen—after taxing them both to pay for the chisel.—S S BIDDLE.

TAXES—40

Some of us can recall the day when a person who had to pay income tax was considered wealthy.—OHIO CO (KY) *Messenger*.

TIME—41

The situation of all of us is comparable to that of Socrates when he was awaiting death in his prison and began to learn to play the lyre.—SIMONE WEIL, *Gravity and Grace* (Putnam).

VALUES—42

An economic prof showed his class that by holding a dime in one hand close to the eye, it will obscure a half dollar held in the other hand a little beyond. He pointed out that it is never wise to let the vision be obscured by the small, nearer profit to lose sight of the great values within reach.—*Exec's Digest*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

Mr. Q's column



Householders who have the task of cleaning out a furnace periodically might imagine that cinders are about the last thing anyone would wish to produce synthetically. But such a step is now seriously considered by makers of cement cinder blocks. Cinders are used in lightweight cement. And there's an acute shortage, due to the fact that so many industrial plants now burn oil or gas.

American Express has joined with Berlitz School of Languages to offer a unique travel pkg. Berlitz will provide an instructor to accompany each for'gn tour and will award to tour mbrs a \$25 tuition certificate, applying on any desired language course.

Church Management (which does not carry the ad) tells of a firm offering a car emblem for ministers, comparable to medical insignia. "Attach this emblem to your license plate," the company urges. "Win police courtesies. Avoids traffic tickets."

A garden club in Illinois announces the forthcoming visit of a celebrated botanist: "He will discuss trees, and conduct the ladies on a short walk thru the park, identifying them by their shapes and characteristics."

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GOOD STORIES you can use...



A famous violinist, on a trip to Africa, became so enchanted by the beauty of the jungle he was moved to improvise a concert right on the spot. As he stood there playing, a hungry lion spotted him. The beast was set to jump but the lovely music stopped him. Soon tigers, elephants and other animals of the jungle, all carried away by the strains of the beautiful violin composition, formed an entranced ring around the musician.

Suddenly, without any warning, a panther appeared, made a flying leap at the violinist and savagely devoured him. The assemblage was horrified. "Why, you unfeeling beast!" exclaimed the lion. "We'll never hear such beautiful music again! Why on earth did you do it?"

The panther cupped a paw to his ear. "Ehhh?" he croaked.—E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* a

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Two psychologists were talking. "I have a very interesting client," said one. "A case of a split personality."

"That's not unusual," repl'd the other.

"The unusual part is that I can get each split to pay a fee."—NOELLE SIGMORET, *Paris Match*, France (QUOTE translation). b

Quote

I Laughed At This One

Frances Rodman

On a rainy day 2 fishermen decided to visit the nearest town until the weather improved. They came to the entrance of a small shop where a sign advertised that the medium inside could put clients in touch with the departed.

"Let's go in and see if we get a message from Joe," one proposed. The other agreed. After the usual preliminaries the voice of the medium informed them Joe was present.

In quick succession the fishermen asked: "Are you in Heaven, Joe?" "Are you happy?" "Are you an angel?"

To all queries Joe made prompt affirmative answer. This exchange was followed by an awkward pause while the fishermen tried to think of more appropriate queries. Finally one ventured to ask, "What do you measure from tip to tip, Joe?"

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Washington newspaperman was checking the spelling of the name of a Virginian. "L," the reporter asked, "as in Lincoln?" The Southern gentleman roared back: "Certainly not, suh— L as in Lee!" —QUOTE *Washington Bureau.* c

Two men were talking as they rode their morning train to work.

"That school principal is certainly a confirmed optimist," said one.

"I never noticed it," said his neighbor. "What makes you think so?"

"Well," was the reply, "he lives in the block next to me, and he's trying to raise roses, vegetables, chickens, two cocker spaniels and and three boys, all on the same lot."—*Texas Outlook.* d

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Ten-yr-old Johnnie was demonstrating for his mother some of the things he'd learned at school. He was especially proud of the fact he knew Washington had been 1st Pres of the country, Lincoln the 16th and that Eisenhower now holds the office.

"Who," his mother asked, "was Pres before Eisenhower?"

Johnnie wasn't sure.

"I'll give you a hint," his mother helped. "He played the piano."

"Oh, I know," Johnnie beamed. "Liberace!"—*JOE CREASON, Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* e

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A very large woman entered a London tube train and two men got up and gave her their seats. She was so big that a small boy sat gazing at her in wonder.

Eventually she said impatiently, "Little boy, what are you looking at me for?"

The youngster, embarrassed, stammered: "L-l-lady, there isn't anywhere else to look."—*Tit-Bits, London.* f

Nowadays the fellow who keeps his ear to the ground is probably using a Geiger counter.—*VESTA M KELLY.*

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In looking for work, go ahead and brag about your ancestors if you must. You may get a job for your grandfather. — *FRANKLIN P JONES.*

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Uncle Sam's green stuff has got a lot of countries out of the red, but doesn't seem to get many Reds out of the countries. — *DAVID O FLYNN.*

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The only trouble with putting the brakes on public spending is that nobody knows the last time the brakes were tested.—*DAN BENNETT.*

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Sign on a winding highway: "These curves are different; they get more dangerous after you pass 65!"—*IVERN BOYETT.*

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One of the disturbing things about world news is that we know we're going to have to read it in the newspapers after we hear it over the radio before we see it on television.—*HAROLD COFFIN.*

The old-fashioned man ran into debt. The modern man rides into it in a two-tone color job.—*CAREY WILLIAMS, Crawfordville (Ga) Advocate-Democrat.*

Quote

What a sec'y should say on the telephone in the morning:

He hasn't come in yet.

He should get here any minute.

He just called in and said he'd be a little late.

He was here but he had to leave right away.

He has gone to lunch.

in the afternoon:

He should get here any minute

He hasn't come back yet.

He is somewhere in the bldg.

His hat is here.

Yes, he was here but he had to leave right away.

I don't know if he'll be back again today.

No, he won't be back any more today.—*Weltwoche*, Zurich (QUOTE translation). g

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There's the story of the Maine farmer who had a talking pig. The farmer was one of those taciturn men who keep his own counsel and nobody would ever have known about the remarkable animal if a visiting Bostonian hadn't discovered the fact. When he did, he shouted a stream of excited questions at the farmer.

"How long have you had this pig?"

The farmer ans'd, "Two yrs."

The Bostonian's eyes popped. "How long has the pig been talking?" The farmer ans'd, "Two yrs." "Great Heavens man!" the Bostonian exclaimed. "Why have you never told anyone about this?"

The farmer sighed and ans'd: "Well, I thought he'd outgrow it." —*United Mine Workers Jnl.* h

Quote

People are still laughing over an incident which occurred at a recent PTA program. Five little 1st graders marched out on the stage to welcome everyone. Each child carried a letter to make up the word "Hello."

All took their correct positions except for one little boy who carried the letter "o." He couldn't remember where to stand. He paused for a few min's at the back of the stage, much to everyone's amusement. But he really brought down the house when he finally decided he belonged at the head of the group!—*Capper's Wkly.* i

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A prof of French and a minister visited Paris together for the 1st time. After three days of associating with the people, the prof confessed to the minister, "Just think, I've spent my whole life teaching a language I didn't even know!"

"What do you think will happen to me when I die?" sighed the theologian.—*Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation). j

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A 6th-grade pupil was experiencing more and more difficulty with arithmetic. "I want to give it up, pop," he pleaded. "It ain't no use anyway."

The father was properly horrified. "No use!" he exclaimed. "Do you want to grow up an ignoramus and not be able to figure football scores, batting averages and race-track odds?"—*Journeyman Barber. k*

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Then there was the fellow who could trace his ancestry back to the Boston tea party. His great grandma was the last bag thrown overboard.—*OLLIE M JAMES, Cincinnati Enquirer.* l

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Richard Armour



Museum Piece

One of the questions received by the Smithsonian Institution, which it is unable to answer, is "Who is the inventor of the doorknob?"—News item.

They know who invented the steamship, the plane,

They know who, both brilliant and tireless,

Invented the microscope, turbine, and train,

The phonograph, light bulb, and wireless.

They know who invented the old and the new,

The gasoline engine, the scaffold.

They know who invented the telephone, too,

But the doorknob's what has them all baffled.

Imagine the hour upon hour of research,

The meals that are listlessly eaten.

Consider the scientists left in the lurch,

Disheartened, discouraged, and beaten. . .

You too would be famous? A genius or nearly?

Have people stand up when you enter?

Discover one thing, only one, which is merely

The name of the doorknob's inventor.

The lawyer was attempting to discredit a witness. "You say," he challenged, "that you went to the city in search of work. I put it to you that there was another, a stronger, motive that brought you here."

"There was," said the witness blandly. "A locomotive."—*Arkansas Baptist.* m

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It was tag day and a pretty young nurse was selling tags on a st corner for the benefit of a hospital. A sailor told her he would give her \$5 for a tag if she would promise to nurse him if he was ever a patient in her ward. She promised.

"By the way," he asked, "what is the name of your hospital?"

Smiling sweetly, she repl'd: "The Barnes Maternity Hospital." — *Keester News.* n

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Door-to door salesman: "Do you have children, madam?"

Housewife: "Two small boys."

Salesman: "Then you will be interested in our new Space Soap, especially concocted to remove rocket grease, interplanetary smudge, comet grime and stellar dust."—*Woodmen of the World Mag.* o

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A pal of ours who recently arrived from Paris reports that he saw an American Western there with French subtitles| When one of the cowhands in the film walked into a bar and said, "Gimme a shot of redeye," the subtitle read, "Un Dubonnet, s'il vous plait."—*New Yorker.* p

Quote

Quizzes

NOEL COWARD, British playwright:
"Ever since the war a terrible pall
of Significance has fallen over the
American stage. Now the hero must
be a hobo, or a drunk, or Southern,
or have terrible sex complication."

1-Q-t

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GUTHRIE MCCLINTIC, Broadway
producer: "I'm tired of plays about
characters who should be in a zoo,
not on a stage."

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KATHARINE HEPBURN, actress: "Be-
ing an actress is a humiliating
business, and as you get older it be-
comes more humiliating because
you've got less to sell."

3-Q-t

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A small, convenient, inexpensive pre-fab now makes it possible to have a miniature greenhouse in your own garden. The all-aluminum structure, which is 8 ft by 6 ft, may be attached to any building, or may be erected free-standing, if you prefer. And—of course—you can do it yourself with only a wrench and a screwdriver. *Waldor Greenhouses, Salem Mass.*

Speaking of hothouses, what's your view of the Finnish bath? Nobody's come up with a complete do-it-yourself *sauna*, but you can have at least the steam-bath

part of it right at home. A plastic cover is held over the tub by suction cups, has a zipper up the middle, and a head opening at one end. Just get in, zip it up, and steam to your heart's content. We don't want a steam bath, but this *might* solve another problem—our maladjusted French poodle yearns to join us in the tub, we don't *think* he could unzip this! If you're interested in this plastic aid to steam or privacy, it's only \$2.98 from *House of Schiller, 180 N Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.*

